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Inland Transport Committee

Decision approving the renewal of the mandate of the Group of Experts on European Agreement Concerning Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport

Background

1. The Inland Transport Committee (ITC), at its seventy-seventh session (24-26 February 2015), decided that the mandate of the Group of Experts on European Agreement Concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR) should be recommended for extension (para.43, Informal document ITC (2015) No. 14).

2. The Executive Committee is invited to approve the renewal of the mandate of the Group of Experts on European Agreement Concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR) and its terms of reference.

Draft Decision

3. The Executive Committee, at its seventy-sixth meeting on 31 March 2015, approves the renewal of the mandate of the Group of Experts on European Agreement Concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR) and its original terms of reference as contained in the Annex, until 30 June 2017.

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Annex

Terms of Reference of the Group of Experts on European Agreement Concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR)

1. To develop proposals for amending the AETR Agreement, in particular Article 22bis (which stipulates procedure for the amendment of Appendix 1B), including the creation of a new institutional arrangement such as an administrative committee.

2. To examine, and if necessary develop proposals to modify, the relationship between the AETR and the corresponding EU legislation pertaining to road transport/social rules.

3. To describe and assess issues related to the exchange of information with respect to the issuance of digital tachograph cards. This may include developing proposals to modify the existing information exchange platforms and/or to develop a new standardized method for exchange of AETR-related information.

4. To describe and analyze issues related to:

(a) the memorandum of understanding between the ECE and European Commission Services which recognizes the Joint Research Centre (JRC) as the authority responsible for Root and Interoperability Certification for non-EU Contracting Parties to the AETR;

(b) the possibility of establishing other certification bodies/authorities.

5. To examine and possibly develop proposals concerning third-country rights and obligations under the AETR Agreement.

6. To assess the need and feasibility of providing assistance to AETR Contracting Parties concerning the implementation of the amendments to the AETR made on the basis of Article 22 bis concerning Commission Regulations (EU) No. 1266/2009 and 68/2009.

7. The Group of Experts on AETR is expected to complete its work by the end of June 2017.